

CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES
SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

December 12, 2009 9:00 am
Clinton Frisco Center, 101 S 4th Street, Clinton, Oklahoma

RESOLUTION NO: _____

DATE POSTED: November 9, 2009

DATE APPROVED: _____

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SUBJECT: Resolution to Hold a Special Election to Amend the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Constitution
Article IV, Section 1(d).

WHEREAS; The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a federally recognized Tribe organized under a Constitution approved by tribal membership on April 4, 2006 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS; the self-governance and sovereign status of the Tribes promotes economic and social welfare, protects the religious freedom and tribal customs of all tribal members; and

WHEREAS; Article IV, § 4 of the Constitution grants Tribal Council the power to enact resolutions and/or ordinances, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, governing future membership and the adoption of new members; and

WHEREAS; The Tribal Council recognizes the need to decrease the blood quantum; and

WHEREAS; Article XIII, § 1(a) of the Constitution grants the Tribal Council the power to initiate the process to amend the Constitution by calling a Special Election. The Election Commission shall call and hold a Special Election to amend the Constitution within ninety days of an official request from the Tribal Council; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Tribal Council requests a Special Election to amend the Constitution Article IV, Section 1 (d), to:

“Each person of 1/8 or more, degree of blood of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, born to a member of the Tribes after the effective date of the Constitution and By-Laws adopted in 1975.

BE IT RESOLVED the Tribal Council requests the Election Commission call and hold a Special Election to amend the Constitution within ninety days of this official request from the Tribal Council.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED upon approval by the voters, this amendment shall become effective immediately and forwarded to appropriate agencies.

2009 TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES

Chairman of the Tribal Council

ATTEST:

Secretary of the Tribal Council

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a quorum was present at the duly call Special Meeting of the Tribal Council held on the 12th day of December, 2009, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote _____ for, _____ opposed and _____ abstentions (not voting).

Secretary of the Tribal Council